## **HOUSE BILL 2248**

By Ferguson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 6, Part 1, relative to the penalty for the unlawful abuse of an adult.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-117, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

- (a) It is an offense for any person to knowingly, other than by accidental means, abuse, neglect or exploit any adult within the meaning of the provisions of this part.
  - (b) A violation of this section is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.